

Boston, December 18. 1835.

To R. M. Patterson Esq.

Dear Sir,

Since the receipt of your last letter, I have procured for you a very few modern European coins, in duplicate; - and also duplicates of the tical of Siam, - a silver coin, weighing about half a dollar, - and in size and shape resembling, nearly, a small musket ball. The inscription on this last, (if it can be called an inscription,) is unintelligible to all the learned ones, in this neighborhood, who have seen it. Perhaps you have already seen this coin: if not, I shall send the few which I ^{have} collected, by a private hand, - probably in the course of two or three weeks.

I have procured an order to be sent to the American Consul, at Athens, for a complete duplicate set of the coins of modern Greece, - which I hope to receive in the course of the winter, - and in season to be of some use to you.

The principal object of writing, at this time, is to ask of you the favor, when you are entirely at leisure, to inform me of the number and the value (in round numbers) of the

and, whether American or foreign, which have
been laid aside for me at the mint.
I hope to have an opportunity, in a short
time, to send for them.

I have success in procuring all the
American dollars, except those of 1794,
1795, 1804 and 1805. This last I can
scarcely hope to obtain, - as the number
struck seem to be very small. A few
days since, I had fortunate luck to
purchase a small silver coin of Cecil,
Lord Baltimore, "Dominus terrae Maris".
This I had never seen before: - tho' it
is doubtless in the collection of Mr. Fisher.

Adieu

Yr. obliged Servt.

W. G. Stearns.

Boston
December 18, 1838

R.M. Patterson, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Since the receipt of your last letter, I have procured for you a very few modern European coins, in duplicate; and also duplicates of the tical of Siam; a silver coin weighing about half a dollar; and in Lira and shape resembling, namely, a small musket ball. The inscriptions on this last (if it can be called an inscription), is unintelligible to all the learned ones in this neighborhood, who have seen it. Perhaps you have already seen this coin; if not, I shall send the few which I have collected, by a private hand, probably in the course of two or three weeks.

I have prepared an order to be sent to the American Consul at Athens, for a complete duplicate set of the coins of modern Greece, which I hope to receive in the course of the winter, and in season to be of some use to you.

The principal object of writing at this time, is to ask of you the favor, when you are certainly at leisure, to inform me of the number and the value (in round numbers) of the coins, whether American or foreign, which have been laid aside for me at the Mint. I hope to have an opportunity in a short time to send for them.

I have secured in passing all the American dollars, except those of 1794, 1795, 1804 and 1805. This last I can scarcely hope to obtain, as the number struck seems to be very small. A few days since, I was fortunate enough to purchase a small silver coin of Cecil, Lord Baltimore, "Dominus [sic: DNS] Terræ Mariæ." This I had never seen before, tho' it is doubtless in the collection of Mr. Fisher.

Your obedient servant,
W. G. Stearns